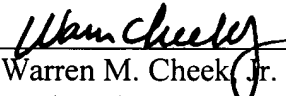


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies.
Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

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